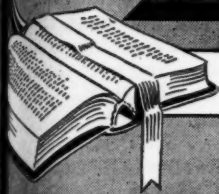


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Alabama	1,044	Nevada	2
Arizona	48	New Jersey	31
Arkansas	198	New Mexico	60
California	472	New York	41
Colorado	26	North Carolina	1,698
Connecticut	6	North Dakota	107
Delaware	48	Ohio	392
Florida	1,188	Oklahoma	299
Georgia	1,488	Oregon	28
Idaho	32	Pennsylvania	314
Illinois	277	South Carolina	1,559
Indiana	138	South Dakota	47
Iowa	86	Tennessee	2,007
Kansas	62	Texas	337
Kentucky	622	Utah	3
Louisiana	204	Virginia	703
Maine	54	Washington	61
Maryland	161	Washington, D. C.	15
Massachusetts	7	West Virginia	947
Michigan	359	Wisconsin	19
Minnesota	14	Wyoming	5
Mississippi	769	Western Canada	43
Missouri	173	Foreign	151
Montana	23	Central Canada	8
Nebraska	20	TOTAL	16,396

NOTICES

I am planning to enter the evangelistic field the first of June. I have completed three years of Bible School work and God has given me a strong desire to win souls for Him. Anyone desiring my services contact me at the following address: A. C. McKaig, Lee College, Cleveland, Tenn.

To Whom It May Concern: I have known Arthur McKaig for three years and have found him to be not only an excellent student but a spiritual worker for the Lord in all kinds of

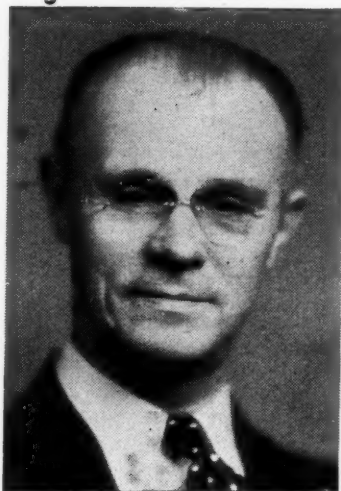
circumstances. The Lord especially uses him in praying for the sick. Any pastor who wants a spiritual uplift for his church will do well to secure Brother McKaig for a revival.—Avis Swiger, Teacher.

I will be open for revivals after school is out. If you don't believe in the old time gospel, don't call me, because I believe in the fire.—W. F. Hobbs, Route 7, Box 126, c/o F. Huxtable, Orlando, Fla.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Ps. 116:15.

OLSEN



Rev. Oscar Olsen laid his armor by April 2, and went to be with the Lord Jesus whom he had served as a minister thirty-one years, nine of which

was in the Church of God. He was a deeply consecrated man and prayed much. He and his wife had changed the church in Sacramento, California while I was stationed there as Assistant General Overseer of the Western District, and they endeared themselves to our family in an unforgettable manner.

For the last few years he pastored the church in Pasadena. He was born in Oslo, Norway, sixty-three years ago and came to the United States at the age of nineteen. His funeral was conducted by visiting pastors.

We join the hundreds throughout the Church in extending to his faithful wife our sympathy and sincere prayer.—Editor-in-Chief.

FUTCH

The death angel visited my father home, Mr. R. M. Futch, Sunday, March 20, to take my grandmother's her home in heaven. She trusted the Lord to the end, and died praising the Lord. The saints prayed and got victory over her suffering so she had pain the last two weeks.—Mrs. W. Hannah, Englewood, Fla.

GLASS

Sister Ruth Glass departed this life January 9, 1949. She was a faithful member of the Church of God. She worked with me for about six months and was always ready to understand and work wherever she could. She lived a consecrated life and often said she wanted to suffer as the Master would have her to.—Edith Dedmon, Selma, Calif.

BRYANT

Mrs. Alice Emily Bryant passed away. (Continued on page 15)

NOTICE

All out-of-town visitors who are planning to attend the closing exercises of Lee College, May 25-26, who will be staying one night or more, should fill in the following form and send it to the Entertainment Committee, Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee.

There will be a few rooms available in the dormitories at 75c a night for each person. Those staying in the dormitories must furnish their own linen.

J. D. Free, Chairman, Entertainment Committee

Name _____
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Date of arrival _____ Number of nights expected to stay _____
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EDITORIALS

A MINISTER'S WORD

Ministers are, of necessity, I suppose, wordy. That with-
out himself is accepted as long as the minister, in whatever
capacity he is serving, says something while he is talking.
After all, words are to express and convey thoughts,
and the thoughts conveyed determine whether the words
are as their vehicles are of value.

Words," Solomon said, "are like apples of gold in pic-
tures of silver"; that is, like a beautiful picture drawn by
a skilled artist, made more beautiful by his decorating it
with golden, luscious, delicious, healthful apples.

Calvin Coolidge was one of the few great men who made
himself greater by being, not only a man of few words,
but for his choice of words. He was paid \$7.00 a word, per-
haps the highest price ever paid any writer. No minister,
far as I know, ever received such a price for his words,
written or oral, and it is probable that some have spoken
written words that were of far more value than the
words by Coolidge. Yet, on the other hand, I am
sure that many have received far more than the value of
their words.

The value of a minister's words are not only to be de-
termined by his hearers and readers, but by the min-
ister himself or by what he is paid. A minister's "word
should be his bond," a bond far beyond that of any amount
of cash or property. It should be reliable if it is his word
in gentlemen agreement with closest friend, stranger, or
businessmen. That is, no minister should be careless about
making his agreement with a friend just because of
friendship and the feeling when he fails, "Oh, well, he
will understand." For a minister, regardless of rank, to
fail to fill his appointments without giving advance and
satisfactory notice is one of the most uncomplimentary
matches of obligation possible. I am sure I express the
attitude of the majority when I say that generally the
such disappointment is the last to be dealt me by
the same person. It is unfair, especially, to disappoint a
stranger. He knows you are a minister and will not only
consider you untruthful, but your fellow minister, also.
You win the stranger to your friendship by being faithful to
your word.

Then, too, the Church of God, in general, is known for
honesty and punctuality in meeting financial obliga-
tions. But when a minister of high standing, or common
rank, fails his merchant, banker, service station operator,
he not only has reflected upon his own honor, but
that of the whole Church of God. A minister would look
better in the pulpit in a pair of coveralls that he had
for than a \$50 suit bought on installment plan without
meeting his installments. And may I go further and say
that he would be honored more riding in a dilapidated car
than in the most recent model and having to default
on payment after payment and put up a pitiful mouth con-
stantly about it. One of the most common failures, per-
haps, is to ride on the kindhearted service station opera-
tor's gas until the debt is large, then find it convenient to
use another service station operator's gas. It would be
better for one to let his car rest, pay up, and save his car
and honor at the same time.

A minister's word is generally all that a grocer requires

to send groceries to his parsonage. Wouldn't it be much
better for that minister and his family to leave off the
more expensive foods and keep the grocer paid up? Most
grocers have families of their own to feed and no one,
especially ministers, should expect them to feed their
families.

May I hasten to say that there are but few ministers
who become so delinquent as to embarrass their word
of honor, but a few are too many and that goes for our
laymen, too. Let us preserve the honor of our "word be-
ing our bond."

A NEW CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AT UNION TOWN, ALABAMA

Sunday, March 27, was a rainy day but welcomed by
Pastor W. I. Parten and his good members, as well as the
hard-working district pastor, R. J. Dunn, and many min-
isters, members, and friends from neighboring churches.

The church auditorium is about 30x60 feet and is built
with cement blocks. The parsonage has five rooms, also
two Sunday School rooms on the second floor. It is one
block off Highway 80 and fronts on a paved street in a
very convenient location.

The district overseer and pastor received a good offer-
ing in the morning service, and Pastor H. E. Lambert, of
the wide-awake, progressive Selma church, was there for
the afternoon service and paid for his dinner by smiling
his way into the hearts and pocketbooks for a big offering.
It was indeed impressive to see the spirit of unity and co-
operation manifested by everyone in making the service
a success. I shall long remember having the honor of de-
livering the dedicatory message for the Union Town
Church, and I pray God's richest blessings upon the
church, and its pastor. Also, I shall remember the pleas-
ant hours spent in Brother and Sister Dunn's good home
and the privilege of speaking to his membership at Thom-
asville.

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I am accountable

1. For my time;
2. For my talent;
3. For my tithe;
4. For my talk;
5. For my tactlessness;
6. For my thoughts;
7. For my tendencies.

Reports FROM THE FIELD

HOT OFF THE WIRE!

Greetings from Cincinnati, Ohio. Do you know that Cincinnati church has doubled in membership in the last two and half years, ending April 10, with the membership 455? Also our tithes have tripled, and our Sunday School doubled, with an average of 511 last month. Keep an eye on Cincinnati.—C. E. Muncy, Clerk.

FIRST FLOOR OF NEW CHURCH BUILDING FINISHED AT NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—On Sunday, January 16, 1949, the Church of God in Nashville, Tenn. passed another milestone in our work for the Lord. We gathered to dedicate unto the Lord our new Sunday School department, which actually is the full-daylight basement of the new church building we hope to finish before too long. This department contains ten rooms, including a large youth assembly room. In addition, space has been left for a large ladies' lounge, also a men's lounge. The wiring is all in conduit, and each room is electrically heated, with thermostatically controlled wall units, the wiring for which is also in conduit pipe laid under the concrete floor. The cost of the basement department was kept at a minimum by the saving of approximately \$5,000, made possible by discounts on material, and the cooperation of the brethren, which our pastor states was practically 100 per cent in donating over a thousand hours of labor. Space will not permit listing the names of all who helped. Even with this saving the basement cost approximately \$21,000 and is among the nicest in the Movement.

Our Sunday School broke all records for attendance, as our friends and co-workers came to help us celebrate the wonderful occasion. The attendance was 251; the old record, 234.

Brother H. L. Chesser, General Overseer, preached the dedicatory sermon, which was enjoyed very much. We were pleased to have several of our former pastors present. The church was organized some thirteen years ago, and since that time we have had six pastors and four of them were present: Brothers A.V. Beabe, R.E. Black-

wood, E. M. Tapley, and our present pastor, Bill Brown. Brother W. P. Stallings, who is now the pastor of the church in Canton, Ohio, was unable to be with us; but we called to mind the efforts and work that Brother Stallings put forth while he was in Nashville. Again, we say the Lord is good.

The church in East Nashville appreciates the work that has been accomplished in the last thirteen years for the Lord.—Mrs. Joe Tuggle, Reporter.

EVERY DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH WORKING AND GROWING

SANFORD, N. C.—We truly thank God for the way He is blessing here. In the last few weeks, in our weekly prayer meetings, there have been thirteen saved, seven sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church. Every department of our church is working and growing, and God is blessing in every way. Our L.W.W.B. is working hard on our quota; the men's Willing Workers' Band is also working. We thank God for the way He is blessing our young people. Many are praying through to victory, joining the church, and working hard for lost souls. We thank God for our pastor, H. B. Turlington, and family, and for the way everyone is cooperating. Pray that we shall continue to grow and souls will be saved.—Lillie M. Matthews.

A GREAT THING HAPPENED IN FRUITHURST, ALA.

FRUITHURST, Ala.—We praise the Lord for our good pastor, Brother Thomas L. Owen, and his faithful wife. I truly believe they are doing their very best, and many souls have been blessed. A great thing happened here recently. Miss Balthie Holcombe was healed of St. Vitus' dance. Johnnie L. Owens stayed in a Government hospital about four months. He came home and stayed awhile, and the doctor told him if he wanted to live he had better go back to the hospital. The church prayed, and he went back to the doctor. He said he was doing fine and would soon be able to work. Mrs. Nellie Hunt, the doctors said, had heart trouble, and they gave her only a little while to live. The church

prayed, and she is doing fine. These healings we give God all praise.—Mrs. W. F. Gentry.

CRAMERTON BLESSED IN A GREAT WAY

CRAMERTON, N. C.—I'm glad cause God is blessing the church in a great way. We certainly have a fine group of people, and especially we have a fine group of young people. They are on fire for God. They pray in the altar; and they get other young people to come to God. We certainly appreciate our pastor, Rev. L. O. Henry, and wife. They certainly are interested in the church which is growing in every department and we are having to build a large church, with more Sunday School rooms. We have just closed one of the greatest revivals I've been in, in a time. Brother Price McCarn, Brother Jerrel of Wilmington, N. C., conducted the revival, and they were a blessing. The Holy Ghost would charge of the services; the people wouldn't get to preach; and the church would fill up with seekers. Pray for.—Miss Eunice Smith.

DAVENPORT, IOWA, DISTRICT CONVENTION

God richly blessed in our annual district convention with services beginning March 4-6. Among our honored guests was our highly esteemed pastor, one of our overseers and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Cox, who with their message of revival song and gospel, blessed our hearts there from time to time.

A few nights previous to our district convention, we enjoyed services in which Rev. and Mrs. Henry Freeman, Perry, Iowa, brought inspiring messages. As a result, several souls were made to rejoice for deliverance from sin. Brother and Sister Green, of W. L. Moines, also helped greatly, in the services. Brother Green, with his good voice, accompanied by Sister Green, and Brother Cox with piano and guitar, and rendered uplifting spirituals which will long be remembered.

Saturday morning was another successful gathering, with the spiritual tide running high in every part of the service. Brother Cox spoke on the teachings of the Church. In the afternoon, Brother Branham of the Missouri, Illinois, Assembly of God, preached a good sermon on the Holy Ghost. Paul Barker, our state youth director, stirred the hearts of our young people as well as the old, with his message.

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REVIVALS

DUMAS, Texas—We had a successful revival, conducted by Rev. Amos Ledford, of Medford, Arkansas. Fifteen were saved, twelve sanctified, ten baptized with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. Brother Ledford is a young evangelist and preaches under the mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost. He did some wonderful preaching and everyone marvels how he could quote scriptures from the chapters. I highly recommend Brother Ledford to anyone looking for a good, spiritual evangelist. He is a talented musician, also. The entire church was blessed and encouraged to press on. We are on the upward march in Dumas. Our attendance has increased; also, our Sunday school and Y. P. E. Pray for us.—J. Warner, Pastor.

HARTSVILLE, S. C.—We thank the Lord for the wonderful revival here, led by Rev. W. O. Boheler doing the preaching. He is truly a blessing to our saints and sinners. Reverend Boheler could be with us for only one hour. There were six saved, two sanctified, one baptized with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church. The revival spirit is still with us, and we feel there has been good done we are not able to report.—A Sister in Christ.

BUSHNELL, Fla.—The devil came in late to say we can't have another revival here at Bushnell. We thank the Lord for sending Brother and Sister W. L. Meyers here to help us in the battle against sin. Night after night they labored. We had seen the good old-fashioned singing, preaching, and preaching. The meeting was held Sunday night, March 6, with a revival burning within the whole church. There were twelve or fourteen saved, about eight sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church. We are now completing three new Sunday School classes, and have recently installed a kitchen sink in the parsonage. The Rev. W. W. B., Y. P. E., and Sunday school are increasing in spirit and attendance. Pray for us and our pastor, Brother and Sister S. R. Williams. Mrs. R. M. Collins.

PULASKI, Va.—In our revival here with Rev. Paul P. Carpenter as evangelist, there were thirty saved, fifteen sanctified, twenty filled with the Holy Ghost (making a total of 65 experiences), seven baptized in water, and ten added to the church.—Roy Douglas.

WINTER HAVEN, Fla.—Sunday February 13, marked the close of a seven weeks' revival, which, without a doubt, was the greatest in the history of the Winter Haven Church of God. Conducted by Brother L. C. Heaston, every service was honored by the presence and power of God, and there was hardly a meeting at which he did not preach to a full house.

All records were broken during this revival, with seventy saved, fifty sanctified, sixty baptized in water, forty-nine filled with the Holy Ghost, and forty added to the Church. A fitting climax was reached on the last day, when one-hundred-twenty took part in the Lord's Supper and feet washing, following an all-day service with dinner on the ground.

We thank the Lord for Brother Heaston and the good work he is doing for the cause of Christ.

VIDALIA, Ga.—We have just closed the best revival we have ever had here. We truly thank the Lord for sending Sister Dorothy Berry here as the evangelist. She is really on fire for God and has been a great blessing to our church. There were seventeen sanctified, eighteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and fourteen added to the church. We thank God also for our good pastor, Rev. D. H. Stewart, and family. He has done a great work here in Vidalia, and we appreciate him so much. Pray that our church will continue to grow and will be a soul-saving station.—A Member.

BAINBRIDGE, Ga.—We are very happy to report a successful revival here. Brother Marvin Strickland, age twenty-one, of Bainbridge, and Brother L. C. Allen, age twenty, of Callahan, Florida, conducted the revival. Brother Robert Jackson, of Colquitt,

Georgia, was with us a few nights. There were ten saved, five sanctified, and four baptized with the Holy Ghost. Pray for us at Bainbridge.—F. W. Griffin, Clerk.

BOWLING GREEN, Fla.—We are glad to report a good revival here, conducted by Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Heaston. The church is still enjoying the benefits. There were some new members added to the church during this revival.—A. H. Key, Pastor.

VERO BEACH, Fla.—We have just recently closed a good revival, conducted by Rev. John L. Stephens. We feel that the entire congregation each evening was blessed by his ministry and the singing of his entire family. This revival started on the night of February 13, climaxing the day of a great convention (Lakeworth District), in which we were indeed grateful to have with us, along with other ministers, our esteemed state overseer, Brother J. T. Roberts, who preached at this church some eighteen years ago. He then preached in a frame building which he built when the church was organized; but now we have a new, modern, concrete-block church which seats approximately 350 people, and which cost nearly \$25,000.

During our revival, there were a number saved and sanctified, and fourteen prayed through to the Holy Ghost. There were four baptized in water and five added to the church.—A. J. Duncan, Pastor.

REPORTS

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attitude and encouraging remarks as to the growth of the young people's work throughout the State of Iowa.

Our Sunday morning service was given entirely to missions. Our state overseer brought a timely message on missions, which stirred our souls. The Davenport Church, being the only church on the district, responded greatly with a mission offering of \$101.18.

Our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Smiddy, came to us from Missouri. We all love them and are proud they came to us. Our church is growing in all departments under their leadership.

We have had some marvelous healings recently, and God is blessing our efforts as workers together with Him.—Jalldine Lawson, Reporter.

The Grace of Humility

"Be clothed with humility," 1 Peter 5:5.

"Humility," wrote William Law, "does not consist in having a worse opinion of ourselves than we deserve, or in abasing ourselves lower than we really are." Some feel so sinful and unworthy that they refrain from doing anything for Christ. Luther, in writing to Melancthon, who felt himself too sinful to serve God, said, "You are kept in bondage by a false humility." That great soul-winner, George Whitfield, said: "How often have I been kept from speaking and acting for God by a sight of my own unworthiness. But now I see the more unworthy I am, the more fit to work for Jesus, because He will get much more glory in working by such instruments, and the more He has forgiven me, the more I ought to love and serve Him." It was a favorite expression of Whitfield's that "nothing sets a person so much out of the devil's reach as humility." "Those," he said on one occasion, "that have been most humbled, make the most solid, useful Christians. It stands to reason, the more a man is emptied of himself, the more room is there made for the Spirit of God to dwell in him." The humble soul, being utterly dependent on God, offers nobler service than the proud, independent, self-sufficient man. Because Christ is enthroned in the heart, the service offered is selfless; it is entirely for His glory. That is why God gives abundant grace to the humble soul, James 4:6, 7, R. V.

So much that goes for humility is pride, for there is an entire absence of that spirit of utter dependence on God which is a sure evidence of humility. The Pharisees, by their fasting and their gloomy countenances, would have others believe they were very humble. But our Saviour exposed them as hypocrites, as men who were proud, boastful, ambitious, and who lived for self-glory. A proud, self-satisfied, and self-righteous man can know nothing of saving faith, for without a sense of our unworthiness, our nothingness, our absolute dependence on the merits of Jesus' blood, we cannot arrive at that faith which saves. Speaking of vainglorious men, our Saviour said, "How can ye believe,

which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?" John 5:44. Faith and self glory are two opposites, they are contrary the one to the other, and "can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3. He who boasts of his humility is a stranger to it, and is blind to his true state and peril.

Justinian, in building the Church of St. Sophia in Constantinople, ransacked Europe for marble and treasures wherewith to adorn it. At length it was completed and became one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. When the hour of consecration came, Justinian, with remarks of the

THESE BE OUR WORDS

*Better unsaid
The word this is bred
Of jealousy, hatred, and malice;
For it is averred
The spoken word
Reveals the heart within.*

*All that is lovely
Creative and true,
Our Father has given
To me and to you;
Let the heart and the will
Submissive, resign,*

*That the soul in beauty
Of truth may divine
Words of true dignity
Graced with tranquility
Breathing humility—
These be our words.*

—Mable Petriken

most profound piety and humility, solemnly dedicated it to the worship of the Most High God, whose glory alone, he declared, he sought. Then having performed his part, looking around the great building, he was heard to whisper exultantly to himself, "Solomon, I have outstripped thee." How guilty we all are of robbing God of His glory by thinking far more of ourselves than we ought to think! This love of self-glory prevents God's blessing flowing in and through us.

All virtue is founded in truth, and therefore humility is founded in a true sense of our weakness, unworthiness, sin. Retrospect gives cause for

self-abasement. When we look back and recall our pride, our impure thoughts and imaginations, our indiscreet words, our display of impatience, bad temper, our harsh judgment of others, our lack of love, we find no room for pride and self-glory. We are humbled and cry out from the depths of the soul, "God be merciful to me a sinner." If the world only knew us as God knows us we should have cause to hide ourselves for shame. It is a terrible thing to have our real self uncovered. In the biography of one of the world's greatest statesmen, written by his secretary, who knew him so intimately, the disclosure of his weaknesses is so terrible as to seem incredible. Yet those who know well their own hearts know too well the evil of which the heart is capable. "Is there but one spider in all this spacious room?" asked the Interpreter of Christiana in "Pilgrim's Progress." "Then the spider stood in Christiana's eyes, for she was a woman quick of apprehension and she said, yea Lord, there is here more than one. Yea, and spiders whose venom is far more destructive than that which is in her." In that moment, Christiana saw the evil within and was deeply humiliated and ashamed. When a new missionary declared to Mary Slessor that she wanted to be like her, she replied, "Lassie, if you knew me as God knows me, you wouldn't talk like that."

The nearer we live to the spotless ground, Son of God the more conscious we are of our sins, and the more amazed we are at God's patience and mercy. Truly, "it is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not," Lam. 3:22. The remembrance of Christ's astounding love and grace caused Paul to exclaim, "God forbid that I should glory, in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ," Gal. 6:14. The humble soul is ready to be warned, instructed, and refused to take offense when belittled and opposed by others. To one who warned Whitfield of the evil of popularity and pride, he replied: "I thank you heartily. May God reward you for watching over my soul; and as for what my enemies say against me, I know worse things of myself than they can say concerning me."

Humility is the chief of virtues, the cause apart from it none of the others can grow to full beauty and power. Humility is heaven-born, it is

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Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature



J. H. WALKER
Executive Missions Secretary

OVER MAYAN TRAILS

By Dorothy (Pullin) Carroll
(Continued from last week)

The Christmas holidays over, we took the McCulloughs to visit the ancient capital of Guatemala, Antigua. Nestled at the very foot of the formidable, beautifully-shaped volcano Agua, which destroyed it, Antigua contains, if I remember correctly, the ruins of forty-two monasteries and churches of the different Catholic orders. Our time was limited, so we merely visited a few of them. Again we walked through the massive ruins of a dead and cruel system, for Antigua was also the center of the inquisition in Guatemala. As we wound our way among the gloomy passageways, up the ancient stairways, among the massive pieces of masonry which had been shaken to the ground, we knew that, if these walls could have talked, they would have told us a stupendous story.

Something unusual about one of the monasteries fascinated us. A person may stand at one end of the building and whisper something to the wall so that those around him cannot hear him. Another person at the other end of the building, with his ear against the wall, may hear what he has whispered as though that person were standing by his side talking to him in an audible voice. In a portion of one of the monasteries being rebuilt is the ancient casket supposing to contain the body of a famous monk, Brother Peter. In front of this casket, which is certainly ancient, were burning candles and offerings of flowers. The walls around were covered with marble plaques and relics of all descriptions donated by hundreds of grateful people who claimed that a pilgrimage to this tomb, now a shrine, had accomplished miracles for them. I noticed that one

thanked Brother Peter for being cured of tuberculosis; another, for healing his wife so that she did not have to undergo a necessary operation. I decided that this was no place for me. It smelled of death and dust. Furthermore, it was growing late in the day.

About sunset, in order to conclude our visit, we drove through the fertile valley to the little church which claims to be the first erected on the North American continent. It is situated in a little town just outside of Antigua, on the slopes of Agua. Then we drove through the finca which had been owned at one time by the Spanish conqueror of Guatemala, Pedro de Alvarado.

On our way to San Jose, Guatemala's principal port on the Pacific Ocean, we wound slowly down the mountain, around the bases of several volcanoes. On the other side of Escuintla we ran into trouble. The road was under construction. As I have said before, the roads in this country are extremely dusty, but this road stands, undisputedly, as the dustiest road I have ever seen in all my life—and I've been on some dusty ones! Without exaggeration, the dust was from ten to twelve inches deep all along the way. Luther had a terrific struggle to get the car through it. The wheels spun and the car skidded; then, it lurched ahead, churning up clouds of black dust. Really, it reminded us of a dust storm in the States. Whenever a car approached us coming in the opposite direction, we had to stop, roll up the windows, place a handkerchief over our noses and mouths and wait until Luther could see to drive on. For about five hours we struggled through this torment, coughing and sputtering all the way. Finally, just as the sun was setting, we arrived in San Jose. Dirty! We were so black our white teeth

glowed conspicuously when we smiled.

The best hotel was situated right on the open beach, about fifty yards from the ocean. Made of wood and erected on wobbly, wooden stilts driven into the sand, it looked anything but secure to me. Its one redeeming feature was the cold water shower which we discovered as soon as we arrived. It, too, was built on wooden stilts. There were large cracks in the walls and several excellent knot holes, but we were so miserable and dirty that we did not question its merit that night. I, for one, was only too glad to let the cool water wash away the black dirt from my originally white skin.

Feeling much improved after the shower, I walked out on the veranda. I noticed that sand in that general vicinity was also used for dumping garbage. The moon had not yet risen, but the tide was coming in. The roar of the waves as they pounded the miles of open beach sounded like a gathering thunderstorm. In the sky, suspended in space over that vast expanse of restless ocean, like a brilliant white jewel, was the evening star, Venus. It must have been a scene such as this which inspired Tennyson's immortal

"Sunset and evening star,

And one clear call for me.

And may there be no moaning at the bar,

When I set out to sea."

Eleven years ago, I reminisced, we had disembarked here. A little boat had taken us off the great ocean liner about three miles out at sea and had brought us to the pier, which extends about a fourth of a mile out over the ocean. There we had been lifted one by one, in a small chair, by a crane which had swung us over the ocean and up onto the pier. How well I remembered! Martha, my youngest sister, had come up crying. It seemed like yesterday. Now I am a missionary myself.

The full moon rose later, bathing everything in soft light. We sat just out of reach of the incoming tide, watching the breakers roll, each a little higher on the sand. Then we walked along the edge of the foaming water until we reached the pier. There we stood and gazed, alone with our thoughts. Under our feet the mighty ocean churned and boiled, gathering into great, strong breakers which went crashing into the ce-

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Learning

By Wm. Pospisil, State Overseer,
Montana and Wyoming

Most people are so concerned about making a living they haven't learned to live. They want satisfaction and happiness from life but know not how to find it. Chasing after happiness is like chasing a shadow or like looking for the pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow—you just never quite catch up with it by going directly after it. It is a sort of a mirage—looks real, but as you go toward it, it either vanishes or continues to be just beyond you.

Even Christian people many times do not seem to be fully satisfied with life as it is and are always looking forward to that day when they can be with the Lord so that the present dissatisfaction may be forever gone and they can live happily forever. They feel that unhappiness is just a portion of the earthly trials they must bear, so are content to sort of grumble through this life, expecting it to be better in that golden tomorrow.

Learning to live so that joy and peace and satisfaction with life is an earthly attainment, and I fear, if not reached, at least to some degree, while here, may not be a reality in the life to come. The apostle Paul said in Philippians, in the fourth chapter and eleventh verse, "For I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Also, in First Timothy, in the sixth chapter and verses five through eight, he said, "Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that GAIN IS GODLINESS: from such withdraw thyself. BUT GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT is great GAIN. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content." The writer of the

book of Hebrews, in the thirteenth chapter and fifth verse, states, "Be content with such things as ye have."

When the children of Israel complained and murmured God sent fiery serpents among them. This shows God's attitude toward grumbling—God is against it; but still He doesn't want us just to be passive and take

LIFE

Life is too brief

Between the budding and the falling leaf.

Between the seed time and the golden sheaf,

For hate and spite.

We have no time for malice and for greed;

Therefore, with love make beautiful the deed;

Fast speeds the night.

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Life is too great

Between the infant's and the man's estate,

Between the clashing of earth's strife and fate,

For petty things.

Lo! we shall yet who creep with cumbered feet

Walk glorious over heaven's golden street,

Or soar on wings!

—W. M. Vorles, in "Masterpieces of Religious Verse."

everything as it comes and not do anything. God does not approve of laziness nor indifference—we should be concerned about things and active as well; but He wants us to make the best of things, and when we have done that we should be satisfied, regardless of the apparent results.

Notice in the above quotations from the apostle Paul he states, "I have learned." We do not inherit the love of knowing how to live. We learn by experience—sometimes by many hard knocks and bitter disappointments. Jesus learned obedience by the things which he suffered. Heb. 5:8. Jesus said, "I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." He wants us to live the "more abundant" life. We can, if we will learn how.

While reading in the magazine *The Chosen People* the other day I found this choice morsel that I want to pass on to you: "In a daily column conducted by the New York Herald Tribune, entitled 'Pitching Hottentots,' Billie Rose used certain material sent to him by a businesswoman in California, which was entitled 'Food for Thought.' The moral is tragically important that we ask permission to reprint this item in this column, and that permission was cheerfully given.

"In 1923, a group of the world's most successful financiers met at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Present were: The president of the largest independent steel company, the president of largest utility company, the greatest wheat speculator, president of the New York Stock Exchange, a member of the President's Cabinet, the greatest "bear" in Wall Street, the president of the Bank of International Settlements, and the head of the world's greatest monopoly.

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years later, let's see what happened to these men.

"The president of the largest independent steel company—Charles Schwab—lived on borrowed money the last five years of his life, and died broke. The greatest wheat speculator—Arthur Cutten—died abroad, insolvent. The president of the New York Exchange—Richard Whitney—was recently released from Sing Sing. The member of the President's Cabinet—Albert Fall—was pardoned from prison so he could die at home. The greatest "bear" in Wall Street—Jesse Livermore—committed suicide. The president of the Bank of International Settlements—Leon Fraser—committed suicide. The head of the world's greatest monopoly—Ivar Kreuger—committed suicide. "

ALL OF THESE MEN HAD LEARNED TO MAKE MONEY, BUT NOT ONE OF THEM HAD LEARNED TO LIVE!

They had learned how to get, but not how to GIVE. The secret of happiness is to GIVE—do something for somebody, give them something. Remember, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," Acts 20:35. Those men, as far as the world is concerned, had attained greatness—success; but as far as Jesus is concerned, they had failed.

Jesus gave us a formula as well as an example for greatness. The formula: "Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be among you: but whosoever will be GREAT AMONG YOU, let him be your MINISTER: and whosoever will be CHIEF AMONG YOU, let him be your SERVANT," Matt. 20:25-27. Jesus gave us an example when He actually

"came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." What an example of greatness by a life of service and a death of redemption! Did He do all this for Himself? No, it was for others. It was for such as you and me and for all who have sinned. He did not seek pleasure but He sought for the lost. Luke 19:10. While He was busy helping others—healing the sick, forgiving sins, feeding the multitude, raising the dead, and casting out devils—He never did any of these for his own personal comfort. Never a miracle was

O Lord and Master of us all!
Whate'er our name or sign,
We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call,
We test our lives by Thine.
—John Greenleaf Whittier,
1807-1892.

wrought by Jesus for His personal gratification. When He fed the multitude by multiplying the loaves and fishes, it does not even tell us that Jesus Himself, ate of the loaves and fishes. I am not saying He did not; but I am saying the Bible doesn't say that He did. It is altogether possible that He did not eat thereof. Romans the fifteenth chapter and third verse tells us that "even Christ pleased not himself."

Pastors, do you want your congregation to love you, to appreciate you and speak well of you? Then do something for them. Yes, I mean first of all spiritually, but I might add that those small kindnesses which are temporal will go a long way, too, in

making you well thought of and appreciated by your people. By doing something for your people, leading the lost to Christ, praying the believers through to the Holy Ghost, offering the prayer of faith for the sick that will heal them, and comforting the broken hearts and those who may have become bereaved, you will find that they will greatly appreciate you and will speak well of you to others. Because you bring happiness to others, you will find real happiness coming to you. By bringing a lost soul to Christ, you will even make angels happy. This happiness in turn will be reflected in your own life.

Lay members, do you want your pastor to appreciate you. Well, do something for your pastor, something special once in a while; not only what you feel is your duty to do, but think of some kindness you may be able to show toward him, and don't be thoughtless. Think up some new and some worth-while thing you can do for him. Surprise him now and then with a kind remembrance. Bring him groceries. Make the pastor feel that you appreciate him, and he will in turn do a better job of feeding your soul.

This, then, is the secret of learning how to live. Living for self? No, OH NO! but spending and being spent for OTHERS. If you will do this, you will forget yourself; and when you do, happiness and satisfaction will come to you, and you will have learned to LIVE. Life here will be worth while and the reward over there will be great. The greater service rendered, the more good to others you will be able to do; you will cause others to appreciate you here, and in turn you will secure a great eternal reward. May God bless you, every one.

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As we think further of this building (spiritual), we find it must have a foundation, a good strong one. Let's see what the Bible has to say about the foundation. Turn with me to our text, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." We are told some more about the foundation in 1 Peter 2:6, 7, "Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be ashamed. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner." Brother,

sister, are you walking in all the light God sheds on your pathway? Next, the house must be strong. We think of brick, stone, wood, and bolts to tie the foundation down, when we build it. How does the Bible say Christ addressed the apostle Peter on this point of the building, when he said, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT"? Are you on the Rock Christ Jesus? It is the only sure and safe foundation. When the fiery trials of the devil come, and the wind is blowing, you will never fall. You must be rooted and grounded to be able to stand. Christ is our fortress and rock. On Him we stand; but all else is sinking and falling. Take, for example, the two

buildings of which the Bible speaks. One was built on the rocks and the other on sand. The rains came, the wind blew, and the house on the rocks stood; but the other one fell. Also, in 1 Peter 2:5, we find we are to be "lively stones, built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

Brother, are you dead (spiritually) or alive to Christ? Think of this scripture, Eph. 2:21, 22.

In conclusion, let us look at 2 Cor. 5:1-4. In this house, or building, which is eternal and prepared yonder in heaven, there will be no rent to pay, and no light bills, because Jesus will be the Light of that city. There

will be no night there. We shall walk down the streets of gold. Oh glory! Brother, sister, don't you want to go? I'm expecting to enjoy my mansion. Just a few more troubles and trials, then we shall go home to heaven. Look up and don't faint, because the Lord is coming soon. I think of the song, "Oh, My Record Will Be There." How will it be with you on that day?

Note by Editor-in-Chief: Brother Clyde is the splendid son of Rev. W. W. Harmon, who in 1940 went on to be with the Lord and to receive his reward for his faithful service in and for the Church of God as evangelist, pastor and state overseer. I was to be his successor at Cramerton, North Carolina, in 1939, where the good members were so kind in receiving me in a get-acquainted service. However, instead of moving on to Cramerton as pastor, I was appointed State Overseer of South Carolina.

A Fellow Minister Needs Help



DANNY McCAY,
BOX 188, ALABAMA CITY, ALA.

As you remember, our baby was born with dislocated hips and the doctors have not been able to put him in a cast, due to his circulation being bad. They have now found that he has an enlargement of the spine, in his neck, and believe this may be a growth of fluid collected there that has caused his whole trouble. Of course, if it is, they will have to operate, and it will be serious; but,

unless the Lord heals, that is the only way he can ever be a normal person.

Danny is seventeen months old and is blonde, curly-headed, and blue-eyed. He has a big smile for everybody and talks all the time, repeating almost everything he hears anyone say. He is very quick to learn things and is just full of life, but has to crawl, or walk squatted, with his knees and hips bent, and it takes a big effort for him to get his foot off the floor each time he takes a step. Now you can just imagine his future and ours if God doesn't heal him. Of course, we want His will, but if it is because of a lack of faith on our part that he isn't healed, we feel that maybe someone else, or united prayer and fasting will bring about his healing. We will be deeply grateful to all who pray.—J. D. McCay 901½ Ninth Street, Alabama City, Ala.

Editor's Note: Brother J. D. McCay is assistant pastor at Alabama City, and is one of the most congenial, co-operative, and consecrated young ministers in the Church. Danny's healing would not only lift a great burden from the hearts of Brother and Sister McCay, but would be of great help to him in his very promising ministerial work. Surely, everyone will pray for Danny's healing.

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1 Cor. 5:1; 6:1; Eph. 2:20-22.

In thinking on this topic, several thoughts and scriptures came to my mind. First of all, when we mention the word "building" we think of two things, earthly and divine, or spiritual. As God's creatures, we naturally have a house or building in which to live. When we think of a building, we think of a house, or home. We sleep, eat and live in a structure with walls, windows, doors, floors, etc. But let's consider the spiritual building. God made man in the beginning, and it is His desire to live in His building that He created with His own hands, which is you and I. He wants this building kept clean and free from sin, strife, hatred, greed, and things that are foreign to Him. Christ is the Master of the building.

As we think further of this building (spiritual), we find it must have a foundation, a good strong one. Let's see what the Bible has to say about the foundation. Turn with me to our text, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." We are told some more about the foundation in 1 Peter 2:6, 7, "Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner." Brother, sister, are you walking in all the light God sheds on your pathway?

Next, the house must be strong. We think of brick, stone, wood, and bolts to tie the foundation down, when we build it. How does the Bible say Christ addressed the apostle Peter on this point of the building, when he said, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT"? Are you on the Rock Christ Jesus? It is the only sure and safe foundation. When the fiery trials of the devil come, and the wind is blowing, you will never fall. You must be rooted and grounded to be able to stand. Christ is our fortress and rock. On Him we stand; but all else is sinking around. Take, for example, the two

buildings of which the Bible speaks. One was built on the rocks and the other on sand. The rains came, the wind blew, and the house on the rocks stood; but the other one fell. Also, in 1 Peter 2:5, we find we are to be "lively stones, built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

Brother, are you dead (spiritually) or alive to Christ? Think of this scripture, Eph. 2:21, 22.

In conclusion, let us look at 2 Cor. 5:1-4. In this house, or building, which is eternal and prepared yonder in heaven, there will be no rent to pay, and no light bills, because Jesus will be the Light of that city. There

will be no night there. We shall walk down the streets of gold. Oh glory! Brother, sister, don't you want to go? I'm expecting to enjoy my mansion. Just a few more troubles and trials, then we shall go home to heaven. Look up and don't faint, because the Lord is coming soon. I think of the song, "Oh, My Record Will Be There." How will it be with you on that day?

Note by Editor-in-Chief: Brother Clyde is the splendid son of Rev. W. W. Harmon, who in 1940 went on to be with the Lord and to receive his reward for his faithful service in and for the Church of God as evangelist, pastor and state overseer. I was to be his successor at Cramerton, North Carolina, in 1939, where the good members were so kind in receiving me in a get-acquainted service. However, instead of moving on to Cramerton as pastor, I was appointed State Overseer of South Carolina.

A Fellow Minister Needs Help



DANNY McCAY,
BOX 188, ALABAMA CITY, ALA.

As you remember, our baby was born with dislocated hips and the doctors have not been able to put him in a cast, due to his circulation being bad. They have now found that he has an enlargement of the spine, in his neck, and believe this may be a growth of fluid collected there that has caused his whole trouble. Of course, if it is, they will have to operate, and it will be serious; but,

unless the Lord heals, that is the only way he can ever be a normal person.

Danny is seventeen months old and is blonde, curly-headed, and blue-eyed. He has a big smile for everybody and talks all the time, repeating almost everything he hears anyone say. He is very quick to learn things and is just full of life, but has to crawl, or walk squatted, with his knees and hips bent, and it takes a big effort for him to get his foot off the floor each time he takes a step. Now you can just imagine his future and ours if God doesn't heal him. Of course, we want His will, but if it is because of a lack of faith on our part that he isn't healed, we feel that maybe someone else, or united prayer and fasting will bring about his healing. We will be deeply grateful to all who pray.—J. D. McCay 901½ Ninth Street, Alabama City, Ala.

Editor's Note: Brother J. D. McCay is assistant pastor at Alabama City, and is one of the most congenial, co-operative, and consecrated young ministers in the Church. Danny's healing would not only lift a great burden from the hearts of Brother and Sister McCay, but would be of great help to him in his very promising ministerial work. Surely, everyone will pray for Danny's healing.

... Coming Events

Michigan's State Camp Meeting to Convene July 8-17 at Lake Odessa

We take great pleasure in announcing this great convocation which is to convene in the beautiful little city of Lake Odessa, Mich., July 8-17, at the I.P.A. campgrounds.

There will be ministers and singers from many states, bringing with them the fuel which it takes to make a great camp meeting. There will be services which will interest all classes, even the children, and especially the young people. We expect to make this a gathering that our youth will really appreciate.

We hope to have with us as our camp meeting speaker, Rev. Glenn Pettyjohn, overseer of North and South Dakota.

We also expect the general officials from Headquarters to be with us during the last three days, as this will be the convention time. As a special attraction the Eveys have promised to be with us, as well as the McClain trio, of Washington, D. C.

Begin now to plan your vacation so you can be with us during the entire camp meeting.

We extend a special invitation to the former overseers to attend and grace the meeting with their presence.

—D. C. Boatwright, State Overseer.

The New York and New Jersey State Convention will convene in Millville, New Jersey, July 21-24. Make plans now to attend.—John H. Adair, State Overseer.

The 28th Annual Assembly
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will convene at the
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Jacksonville, Florida

May 15-22, 1949, Inclusive
W. L. Ford, Overseer, Colored Work

INDIANA DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Harrison—

April 29, 30, at Metamora.

Indianapolis—

May 6, 7, at W. Indianapolis.

1949 West Virginia state convention will convene at 10 a.m. July 29 and continue through July 31, 1949, at the Memorial Auditorium, Beckley, West Virginia.—Paul H. Walker, State Overseer.

Shelburn—

May 13, 14, at Coalmont.

Muncie—

May 20, 21, at Muncie.

Regional Youth Congress—

June 7-10, at Columbus, Ohio.

State Convention—

June 29 to July 8; at the State Campground.

—C. C. Rains, State Overseer.

Florida Camp Meeting and State Convention

PLACE: Wimauma—the oldest and best known campground in the Church of God.

TIME: June 14-23. A pleasant and proper time for vacations. Spend it with us in spiritual feasting.

PROGRAM: Singing, praying, preaching, testifying, reporting, giving, business, shouting.

EXPECTATIONS: That souls will be saved, sanctified (as the second glorious work of grace), baptized with the Holy Ghost, and divinely healed.

YOU ARE WELCOME!

STATE BIBLE SCHOOL

PLACE: Wimauma.

TIME: June 27-August 5.

COME HELP US MAKE BOTH OUR CAMP MEETING AND STATE SCHOOL THE BEST YET IN THEIR HISTORY.

J. T. Roberts, State Overseer.

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Camp Meeting for 1949

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MONDAY, JUNE 20, THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 1949

For reservations write Mr. Nelson Ross, Manager, Presbyterian Conference Grounds, Pacific Palisades, California. A deposit of \$10 is required with each reservation. The rates for the cabins and tents will be similar to that of last year. Plan now to enjoy this great spiritual feast.

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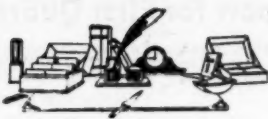
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Our Readers Write



I surely have been enjoying reading the *Evangel*. It is the best paper I know anything about. We don't have very many *Evangel*s coming here, but by the help of the Lord we are going to try to get things going for God and His great cause.—L. J. Potts, Pastor, Polos, Mo.

Of all the mail I receive, business and personal, the *Evangel* is the most welcomed each week. It is a real spiritual stimulant, to be sure. It is worth far more than the subscription price. May God's blessings continue with you in preparing this fine paper.

I have just finished reading the article, "Your Publishing House," by Brother E. C. Clark, and he is absolutely right. The same situation exists in North Carolina. If every Church of God would buy the supplies it needs from our Publishing House, the increase in business would be surprisingly astonishing and surely would help in lifting our debt burden.—Samuel Johnson, Clerk, Clinton, North Carolina.

Commendations are in store for you and the marvelous work you are effecting in the *Evangel*. We are glad that Georgia is showing some nice gains in our Church publications, and rest well assured that we are working hard to increase circulation of the fine materials your department is editing.—Ralph E. Day, State Secretary, Georgia.

Just a few lines to tell you we surely do appreciate the *Evangel*. I have never been much of a fellow to express my appreciation, but it seems the *Evangel* is getting better every week.—W. H. Henry, Overseer of Missouri.

The *Evangel* is a great paper, and we anxiously await its arrival to get the sermons, news, and reports of our great organization.—N. A. Jordan, East Alton, Ill.

I wish to express my appreciation for the *Church of God Evangel*. It seems for the last few days the enemy has tried to keep me so busy that I

failed to read and pray as I should, but after I had prayed this morning and picked up the *Evangel* and begun to read it, God opened up the windows of heaven and poured out a blessing on me. I can truly say thank God for the *Evangel* and the ones who help to make it possible.—Mrs. W. L. Hudspeth, Hartford, Ala.

I have been reading the *Church of God Evangel* for thirty-four years, and I do want to say I appreciate the splendid work you are doing. All the people who don't read this paper are surely missing a great blessing. I wouldn't want to miss one copy of it.—Roy Dagnan, Wallins Creek, Ky.

I thank the Lord for the *Evangel*, the paper that has meant so much to me in these twenty-eight years I have been trusting God for my healing. I have been encouraged so many

times by reading the many good things and the wonderful healings of God's people. I was healed of lung trouble when everything else failed. Two years ago I was healed of pneumonia in both lungs when it seemed death had taken hold of me. This year I was healed of a tumor when it seemed the suffering was so intense I could hardly live. If we keep our faith stayed in Christ, He will purify us. He is our example of suffering and patience.—Mrs. J. R. Walker, St. Louis, Mo.

I thank the Lord for a paper like the *Evangel*. I surely enjoy reading it very much. The other day my baby was sick with a high temperature and slept most of the time. I had read of people being healed through the *Evangel*, so I placed it on him in Jesus' name, and in a very short time he didn't have any temperature.—Mrs. Clyde Smith, Seneca, S. C.

I am also thankful for the *Evangel* and for the inspiration our souls can get by reading every word of it.—Mrs. Kate Stowe, Bradenton, Fla.

Oh, Praise the Lord

I promised the Lord that if He would restore my hearing so I could hear a sermon, I would testify to it in the *Evangel*. My hearing was so bad I could not hear for about three years, but now I can hear a sermon over the radio.—C. S. Spence.

AVON PARK, Fla.—I praise God for healing me of eczema which I have had since I was a child. He has healed me many times, for which I praise Him. There is nothing impossible with God. Please pray for my husband to be saved.—Irma McCullough.

LONE OAK, Texas—I thank the Lord for saving my soul one day and showing me the light of the holiness way. I love the Church of God and its teachings.—J. S. Vaughn.

I praise God for healing me of a bad stomach trouble. God can work when doctors fail.—Mrs. Laura Vanover.

GREENWOOD, S. C.—I love the Lord and am trusting Him for soul and body. I praise Him for saving me from sin and helping me to overcome all trials and temptations. I praise Him also for healing in our home many times.—V. T. Chears.

ALABAMA CITY, Ala.—I praise God for healing my baby. She was sick and had a fever. I prayed and God touched her.—Curtis Johnson.

MULLINS, S. C.—I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. I was a slave to cigarettes for thirty years, but God took the desire for smoking from me, for which I praise Him.—Evans Lewis.

HOMERVILLE, Ga.—About two weeks ago I had a hurting in my neck. I placed the *Evangel* on my neck and prayed, and Jesus healed me.—Mrs. J. J. Culpepper.

Missions and Orphanage Report for First Quarter, 1949

	Missions	Orphanage
Alabama	\$1,724.52	\$1,384.87
Arizona	150.73	156.51
Arkansas	255.97	303.46
California	437.44	616.79
Colorado	18.80	20.34
Connecticut	2.02	1.83
Delaware	44.35	31.21
District of Columbia	44.00	39.65
Florida	2,317.81	1,957.47
Georgia	1,637.67	1,696.23
Idaho	18.42	37.26
Illinois	676.70	651.01
Indiana	250.36	274.22
Iowa	62.49	125.63
Kansas	117.20	123.51
Kentucky	721.61	956.93
Louisiana	325.09	352.46
Maine	33.78	53.21
Maryland	257.11	350.02
Massachusetts	8.64	5.52
Michigan	650.26	867.00
Minnesota	11.52	21.20
Mississippi	430.31	575.32
Missouri	464.54	401.42
Montana	79.28	72.01
Nebraska	11.19	26.83
New Jersey	88.22	31.12
New Mexico	107.46	112.22
New York	7.52	6.00
North Carolina	3,333.44	2,612.88
North Dakota	229.28	63.71
Ohio	1,564.71	893.81
Oklahoma	195.37	278.25
Oregon	46.44	39.02
Pennsylvania	1,140.12	447.69
South Carolina	4,744.72	4,351.72
South Dakota	77.23	118.47
Tennessee	2,265.57	2,553.10
Texas	705.93	799.34
Utah		8.35
Virginia	789.72	737.99
Washington	58.58	51.53
West Virginia	1,340.33	2,138.17
Wisconsin	9.78	28.33
Wyoming		7.32
Canada	57.88	158.16
Hawaii		19.52
Miscellaneous		5.46
TOTAL	\$27,514.12	\$26,564.07

Miscellaneous Donations to the Church of God Orphanage First Quarter, 1949

Church of God, Memphis, Tenn. (special Christmas offering), \$151.00.
 Mrs. Martin E. Parker, Eckman, W. Va., 1 box used clothing.
 Rev. E. L. Jacobs, 146 Bomar Ave., Spartanburg, S. C., 3 boxes canned goods, 1 box clothing.
 Mrs. J. R. Murray, Poplarville, Miss., 1 shirt, 2 camera pencil cases, 2 sets muffs, 2 raincoats. No name, West Virginia, 1 box used clothing.
 Church of God, Sunshine Class, Easton, Md., 15 washcloths.
 Mrs. Mary Keith, President, L.W.W.B., 8732 Jewell Ave., Van Dyke, Mich., 2 large boxes coats and used clothing.
 Cartwright, Church of God, L.W.W.B., Route 1, Whitwell, Tenn., 16 towels, 17 washcloths.
 Mrs. James Shepherd, President Y.P.E., Cloisplint, 24 washcloths.
 Church of God, Dudley, Mo., 1 pr. pillowcases, 2 washcloths, 1 towel.
 Junior Y.P.E., 738 W. Rich Street, Columbus, Ohio, 3 towels, 5 washcloths, 1 dishcloth.
 Church of God, Soddy, Tenn., 1 package used clothing.
 Mrs. Imogene Johnson, Soddy, Tenn., 1 box used clothing.
 Rev. Cecil Hand, pastor, Route 1, West Green, Ga., 1 doz. prs. dungarees.
 Homerville Church of God, Homerville, Ga., 1 bag pecans.
 Rev. M. M. Thomas, pastor, Sulphur Springs, Fla., 7 bu. fruit.
 Addie Duer, 1503 Lant Circle, Evansville, Ind., 1 box used clothing.
 Church of God, North Greenville, S. C., 98 yards cloth.
 Fred Nelson, Route 2, Perry, Okla., 1 box clothing.
 Church of God, Route 1, Box 1401, Santa Clara, Calif., 1 box used clothing.
 Mrs. Nannie Barnes, Cawood, Ky., 1 dress.
 A. L. Chappell, 1110 Michigan, Topeka, Kans., 1 box used clothing.
 W. H. Swift, 209 Crane Ave., Rome, Ga., 8 prs. socks, 8 towels, dress material, 2 woolen caps, 1 pr. boy's gloves.
 Rev. E. Ray Kirk, 10 South Seminole Ave.,

Fort Meade, Fla., 10 cases fruit.
 Mrs. George Short, 314 S. Morgan Street, Waynesburg, Pa., 1 large box polo shirts.

CORRECTED LIST

Mrs. Annie Smith, Route 2, Box 114, Sandersville, Ga., 1 box new and used clothing.
 Church of God, Harlowton, Mont., candy, gifts, and toys.

ONE-MINUTE SERMON

Lights On!



Suspense was great; scoffers were many on that memorable Monday night in New York, Sept. 4, 1882. Nothing had been spared to make this endeavor successful. A tremendous amount of both time and money had been spent to lay eight-

een miles of main, wire 900 buildings, and place 14,000 light bulbs in the sockets.

All was now ready, but would it work? The reputation of young Edison was at stake. Was it all just a big joke? Could this young man actually light up lower New York with artificial light?

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Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." What a mission! What a responsibility! What an opportunity for service! Can we afford to fail those in darkness? Is your Christian light burning today?—Manuel F. Campbell.

FLASH!

National Sunday School Contest going good. More than 400 entries have come in. All Sunday Schools having as many as 400 in attendance will receive special recognition in the May issue of "Youth and Sunday School Workers' Bulletin."

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COMING EVENTS

MONTANA AND WYOMING DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Missoula April 29, 30—May 1
 Casper, Wyo. May 20, 21, 22
 Harlowton June 3, 4, 5
 Billings June 10, 11, 12
 Bigtimber June 17, 18, 19
 Manhattan July 8, 9, 10
 Youth Camp July 18-24, inclusive
 at Castle Rock Camp. Send in your applications now. Mail them to the state office. If you have none, write for yours. Talk about this camp at your Sunday School and Y. P. E.
 Adult Bible Camp, July 25-31, inclusive, will be held at Castle Rock Camp.
 Closing exercises at I. B. C., Ostram, Sask., April 1, 2, 3.

Ministers school and close of Bible School at Lemmon, South Dakota, April 4-10. Entertainment provided.

—Wm. Pospisil, State Overseer

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Canton District, April 29, 30
 Lenoir District, May 6, 7
 Brevard District, May 13, 14
 Asheville District, May 20, 21
 Hayesville District, May 27, 28

—E. W. Williams, State Overseer

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THE GRACE OF HUMILITY

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Christ, it is learned at His feet. He says to us all, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls," Matt. 11:29. He is our great Exemplar, for He, the King of glory, humbled Himself and made Himself of no reputation, taking upon Himself "the form of a servant," Phil. 2:7. He came to serve us, and to do so He renounced His heavenly riches and became poor that we might be made rich. 2 Cor. 8:9. In life He stooped to serve the sick, the sorrowing, the sinful, and taught His proud, quarrelsome disciples that true greatness consisted in lowly service. In stooping to wash their feet, He showed them how they were to serve each other, in lowliness of mind. John 13:4-14.

Living in communion with Christ and meditating upon His beautiful life, His divine words, His death for our salvation, we gradually assimilate His humility, for, unconsciously, we grow in His likeness as we learn of Him and keep His commandments. Then, like John the Baptist, we are ready to "decrease" that He may "increase." The more we grow in humility, the more we shall experience the peace of Christ. When we become humble in mind and soul and live solely for God's glory, then, in due season, He will exalt us. He will use us to bless others and will call us to higher service. Let us then give heed to the words of Peter: "Be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time," 1 Peter 5:5, 6.—*Sunday School Times.*

OVER MAYAN TRAILS

(Continued from page 7)

ment reinforcements at the end of the pier, sending waves of spray many feet into the air. I was fascinated by its power and its restlessness. How terrible, indeed, to be caught away from harbor in a furious tempest! Early in the morning, about three o'clock, I awoke to the pounding of the waves and looked out the window. The ocean had crept to within thirty yards of the hotel. The moon had come down and hanging over the ocean, in breathtaking, solitary beauty, was the Southern Cross. It seemed as though along these shores

the Galilean walked that night, and He spoke to me. The cross, so brilliant in the darkness, seemed to remind me of the glorious gospel of salvation, shining even more brightly as the night grows darker over the turbulent ocean of restless and troubled humanity. I felt great peace in my heart for truly

"I've anchored my soul in the haven of rest;

I'll sail the wide seas no more.

The tempest may sweep o'er the wild stormy deep;

In Jesus, I'm safe evermore."

By reading this article, you have traveled a portion of the way with us this month, the more interesting part. Of the real missionary work, of the constant worries, of the perplexing, intricate problems which we always face, I will not tell you this time. But come and help us! You can. Come by way of earnest, pleading prayer. We know when you pray for us the burden seems lighter, the worries somehow disappear, the problems are solved, and we see the forces of darkness vanquished by the hand of God. Do not forget us, your vanguard in Guatemala. Send us help; for as you pray, we are strengthened.

Ah, God of love

And tender pity, from Thy throne above

Beholding them, and willing not that one

Should ever perish, Thou didst send Thy Son,

Who bought them with His blood! ... But unto us,

To us, Thou didst entrust the glorious

And wondrous news, and into our weak hands

Didst place the torch to lighten heathen lands!

Strengthen our arms, dear Lord, to hold it high!

Oh, ransomed of the Lord, if you and I

Fall in this thing—"Their blood," I hear Him say,

"Will I require of you upon that day!"

"Go ye to all the world! Is it a task

To do for Me this one last thing I ask?"

NEW Y.P.E.'s
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OBITUARIES

(Continued from page 2)

away February 21, 1949, after an extended illness. She was sixty-eight years of age, born December 7, 1880. Sister Bryant was a devoted member of the Church of God at Greenwood, S. C., for thirteen years, and was faithful to pay her tithes until her last week on earth. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. W. H. Beiers, Rev. W. D. Childers, and her pastor, Rev. F. L. Muller.—Ruth Starnes.

STATE RECORDS

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this and, therefore, are seeking to attain to those goals.

The new churches are as follows:

North Lake City, twenty-two members, set in order Nov. 13, 1948

Fellsmere, twenty-two members, set in order Dec. 11, 1948

Zephyr Hills, seventeen members, set in order Dec. 5, 1948

Howey in the Hills, eleven members, set in order Jan. 27, 1949

Homestead, nine members, set in order Jan. 15, 1949

—J. T. Roberts, State Overseer.

SPIRITUAL INCREASE IN MISSISSIPPI

	Converted	Sanctified	H.G.
J. L. Brasher	13	12	8
Cecil Knight	12	5	3
A. B. Everett	11	9	7
Johnson Loper	10	4	1
H. C. Glisson	9	3	3
Edward Loper	8	4	2
E. Q. Richardson	8	5	
J. M. Evans	7	10	7
V. T. Morgan	7	4	1
Luther Turner	5	3	3
M. H. Kennedy	5	2	2
Lillian Busby	5	3	1
Lorena Babb	5	2	2
W. C. Overstreet	5	2	1
E. R. Bell	4	4	3
D. M. Bryant	4		
E. H. Babb	2	1	2
B. H. Lott	2	2	2
J. B. Lindley	2	2	1
J. E. Kennedy	2	2	2
Horatio Mitchell	2	2	
J. T. Stallings	2		
W. L. Sharpe	2		
L. A. Harville	1	2	1
S. B. Webb	1	1	1
J. H. Gambill	1	1	2
J. L. Thornhill		1	1
W. R. Messer			1
M. E. Hight	1	1	1
A. L. Easterling	1	1	1
L. C. Greene		1	1
A. D. Gammill			1

—John L. Byrd, State Overseer

AFTER MANY DAYS

By Joye Hoekzema

This is the story of Dr. Christopher Matthews, Chief-of-Staff at Cass General Hospital, who had a brilliant mind and skilled hands, but—so people said—no heart; and Jane Lee, a nurse at Cass General and a consecrated Christian, who had not only skilled hands, but an understanding heart. Price \$1.50.

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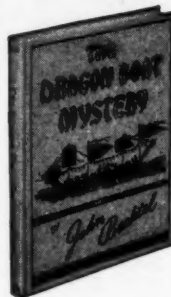
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